

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of December 3, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the drier means has a first blower for blowing heated air onto a first face of the printed media and a second blower for blowing heated air onto a second, opposite face of the printed media which are selectively operable for selectively drying the first face, the second face or both faces of the printed non-coated media during transportation of the media.. Support for these amendments can be found at page 15, line 31-page 16, line 2 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2 and 15 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 15 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Koike in view of Kupcho and/or newly cited Shirota, because none of these cited references teaches or suggests a photofinishing system having drier means with blowers selectively operable to selectively dry opposite faces of printed media, as is required by the claimed invention.

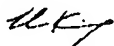
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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